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25X1 4. [] In response to Representative Hale Boggs' letter of 24 May 1967 to the Director concerning a telegram from Mr. Leonard L. Limes, Director of Information, Republican Party, Louisiana, concerning the Garrison investigation, I met with Mrs. Barbara Rathe. After several conversations with her, and between herself and Representative Boggs who was in New Orleans, I provided a suggested response to the telegram for use by Representative Boggs. Mrs. Rathe was most appreciative and advised that she would contact me over the weekend if any further assistance is needed. See Memorandum for the Record.

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25X1 25X1A 5. [] Delivered a blind memorandum on [] to Garner J. Cline, House Subcommittee on Immigration and Naturalization. Subject's mother is the beneficiary of H.R. 2185.

25X1 6. [] Delivered a suggested reply to Al Wiersma concerning [] to Dorothy Hessler in the office of Congressman Gerald Ford (R., Mich.).

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25X1 7. [] Dale DeHaan, Senate Subcommittee on Refugees and Escapees staff, called to check on the status of the [] case. (DeHaan has been out of the country with Senator Edward Kennedy and said upon his return he did not have an opportunity to discuss the [] case with George Abrams, General Counsel of the Subcommittee, before Abrams departed for the weekend.) I told Mr. DeHaan of my understanding that [] and his attorney had met with Abrams and discussed [] willingness to appear before the Subcommittee but that a suitable date had not been agreed upon. DeHaan thanked me for this information and said he merely wanted to bring himself up to date.

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25X1 8. [] Bill Darden, Senate Armed Services Committee staff, called to say he had on his desk two letters to Senator Russell from Georgians. Both of these letters concern the Agency. He said one lady referred to an article in the AMERICAN OPINION issue of May 1967 written by Allison Anders. Darden said there was a reference in the article to Sascha Vollman. He asked if I would meet with him early next week to discuss possible replies to these letters. The second letter concerned the WASHINGTON OBSERVER newsletter.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Orleans Parish Investigation

1. Met with Mrs. Barbara Rathe, Executive Secretary to Representative Hale Boggs (D., La.), in response to Representative Boggs' letter to the Director requesting direct response to a telegram concerning allegations by District Attorney Garrison which had been received from Leonard L. Limes, Director of Information, Republican Party of Louisiana. On meeting with Mrs. Rathe she advised that the letter had been forwarded somewhat precipitously and requested its return "as if it had not been sent." I returned the communication and briefly discussed the Agency position with her. She was most appreciative of the Agency's prompt response and advised that in all probability Mr. Boggs would want to discuss the correspondence after his return to the city next week. Late in the afternoon Mrs. Rathe contacted me, advised that she had talked to Mr. Boggs in Louisiana, and that he requested that the telegram be returned to the Agency for direct response to Mr. Limes. I reviewed with her the previous conversation that the matter had received the attention of the Director earlier in the day and that our inability to respond to such communication, as had been explained to her was the reason for my earlier visit. Several attempts were made at this juncture to draft a response with Mrs. Rathe for use by Mr. Boggs, but were not successful. Although not stated, Mrs. Rathe desired a response that would relate itself wholly to the Central Intelligence

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Agency and remove Mr. Boggs from any further responsibility. At this point Mrs. Rathe requested time to consult with Mr. Boggs for further guidance. ~~After~~ After a half hour or so I called back and provided a suggested response to the effect that as a member of the Warren Commission Representative Boggs had found the Agency not only cooperative but forthcoming and that this relationship had been expressly reported in the Warren Report. Further, it is his understanding that privileged communication by the Agency had been received by the Court and transmitted to the Grand Jury; that he knows of no outstanding requests for information. Mrs. Rathe was of the opinion that this would be a satisfactory response. She advised that she would contact Mr. Boggs as soon as possible and that in all probability the response would go out Friday night from Washington under her signature. She promised that if it was not satisfactory, or if there was anything more we could do to assist her or Mr. Boggs, she would contact me.

in appendix XV. The record establishes that Oswald received no preferential treatment and that his case involved no impropriety on the part of any Government official.

Director John A. McCone and Deputy Director Richard Helms of the Central Intelligence Agency testified before the Commission that no one connected with the CIA had ever interviewed Oswald or communicated with him in any way.⁷⁶⁶ In his supplementing affidavit, Director McCone stated unequivocally that Oswald was not an agent, employee, or informant of the CIA, that the Agency never communicated with him in any manner or furnished him any compensation, and that Oswald was never directly or indirectly associated with the CIA.⁷⁶⁷ The Commission has had access to the full CIA file on Oswald which is entirely consistent with Director McCone's statements.

The Director of the FBI, J. Edgar Hoover, Assistant to the Director Alan H. Belmont, FBI Agents John W. Fain and John L. Quigley, who interviewed Oswald, and FBI Agent James P. Hosty, Jr., who was in charge of his case at the time of the assassination, have also testified before the Commission. All declared, in substance, that Oswald was not an informant or agent of the FBI, that he did not act in any other capacity for the FBI, and that no attempt was made to recruit him in any capacity.⁷⁶⁸ Director Hoover and each Bureau agent, who according to the FBI would have been responsible for or aware of any attempt to recruit Oswald as an informant, have also provided the Commission with sworn affidavits to this effect.⁷⁶⁹ Director Hoover has sworn that he caused a search to be made of the records of the Bureau, and that the search discloses that Oswald "was never an informant of the FBI, and never assigned a symbol number in that capacity, and was never paid any amount of money by the FBI in any regard."⁷⁷⁰ This testimony is corroborated by the Commission's independent review of the Bureau files dealing with the Oswald investigation.

The Commission also investigated the circumstances which led to the presence in Oswald's address book of the name of Agent Hosty together with his office address, telephone number, and license number.⁷⁷¹ Hosty and Mrs. Paine testified that on November 1, 1963, Hosty left his name and phone number with Mrs. Paine so that she could advise Hosty when she learned where Oswald was living in Dallas.⁷⁷² Mrs. Paine and Marina Oswald have testified that Mrs. Paine handed Oswald the slip of paper on which Hosty had written this information.⁷⁷³ In accordance with prior instructions from Oswald,⁷⁷⁴ Marina Oswald noted Hosty's license number which she gave to her husband.⁷⁷⁵ The address of the Dallas office of the FBI could have been obtained from many public sources.

Thus, close scrutiny of the records of the Federal agencies involved and the testimony of the responsible officials of the U.S. Government establish that there was absolutely no type of informant or undercover relationship between an agency of the U.S. Government and Lee Harvey Oswald at any time.